

FRIENDLY REMINDER

NPI NUMBERS BEING OMITTED ON PART D CLAIMS

The Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) has increasing concerns about Medicare Part D claims being submitted without appropriate information. CMS is finding that a growing number of pharmacies are **not** providing the prescribing physician's National Provider Identifier (NPI) Number on their Medicare Part D claims. It is crucial that pharmacies provide this NPI number prior to submission.

CMS said that it has been giving flexibility to plans, which has allowed them to not strictly enforce this provision. Nonetheless, this is a HIPAA requirement! Many plans have begun instituting a protocol that includes hard edits in the electronic submission process of Part D prescriptions. Hence, if that NPI Number is missing upon submission, the Medicare Part D claim will be rejected due to that missing information.

PRS recommends that you review all physician's in your software to ensure that each prescriber has the appropriate NPI number. This will eliminate future claims from being rejected. To assist with this process, click below to search for your prescribing physicians' NPI numbers.

Click: <https://nppes.cms.hhs.gov/NPPES/NPIRegistryHome.do>

Click: Search for an **Individual Provider**